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SUBJECT: UNESCO DG MEETING WITH ANGLO AMERICAN PRESS
CLUB IN PARIS

1. DG M'BOW SPOKE TODAY BY INVITATION BEFORE ANGLO-AMERICAN PRESS CLUB LUNCH. AUDIENCE INCLUDED REPRESENTATIVES MOST MAJOR U.S. PAPERS, WIRE SERVICES AND OTHER MEDIA. M'BOW'S PRESENTATION WAS OPEN AND FRANK. AT TIMES HE APPEARED SOMEWHAT TENSE AND CHATISED THE PRESS FOR NOT ALWAYS ACCURATELY REPORTING ON UNESCO AND PRESENTED HIS EXPLANATION OF THE RECENTLY PASSED 18TH GEN. CONF. RESOLUTIONS. HE RESTATED THE LINE TAKEN IN PREVIOUS STATEMENTS ABOUT HIS DUTY AS DG AND HIS RELATION TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE. M'BOW PAINTED AN ENCOURAGING PICTURE REGARDING COUNTRY ASSESSMENTS COMPARING PAYMENTS RECEIVED THIS BIENNium TO THOSE TWO YEARS AGO AS OF THIS DATE. HE REFUSED TO SPECULATE ON THE CONSEQUENCES OR PROBABILITY THAT THE US MAY NOT PAY.

2. IN A LENGTHY QUESTION-ANSWER PERIOD, M'BOW RESPONDED WITH VIGOR ALTHOUGH NOT ALWAYS COMPLETELY SATISFYING HIS AUDIENCE. HE WAS ASKED WHY HE HAD NOT
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VISITED THE US AND RESPONDED THAT HE HAD NOT RE-

CEIVED AN INVITATION BY USG, BUT THAT HIS DDG FOBES
HAD RECENTLY RETURNED FROM THE US AND THAT OTHER
MEMBERS OF THE SECRETARIATE HAD PAID VISITS THERE.

3. REACTION OF THE PRESS WAS RESPECTFUL IF NOT COM-
PLETELY FRIENDLY. ON BALANCE IT IS PROBABLY BEST THAT
HE APPEARED AND EXPOSED HIMSELF TO FRANK QUESTIONING
FULL TRANSCRIPT OF THE PROCEEDINGS, WHICH WERE EN-
TIRELY IN FRENCH, WILL BE RECEIVED AND FORWARDED TO THE
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